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2. Colombia

Terrorists exploded four homemade bombs
at different sites in Bogota on 19 June. One of

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the bombs destroyed an automobile belonging to a member of the US Air Mission. On 9 June a bomb exploded in front of police offices in Pereira, a major west-central Colombian city. Anti-US propaganda leaflets were left at the scene.

Bandit activity meanwhile continues in south-central Colombia and other rural areas, according to press reports. Two soldiers and one bandit were killed in an encounter in the Communist guerrilla-infested Marquetalia district on 9 June, and it was reported on 12 June that soldiers had killed four members of the gang of the notorious Communist guerrilla leader "Tiro Fijo" in an adjacent area.

3. Peru

Government security forces pursuing guerrillas of the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR) in east-central Junin Department reportedly killed three and captured two during a clash on 15 June. Those killed and captured, however, probably are not members of the nucleus of foreign-trained guerrillas in the area. Meanwhile, attacks on haciendas in the immediate vicinity of counter-insurgency operations have continued.

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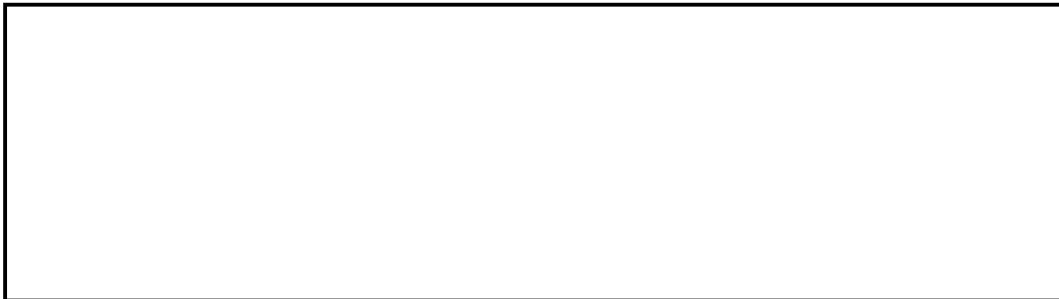
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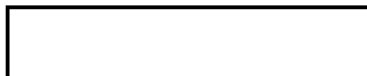
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On 19 June terrorists blew up a gas pipeline of the Atlantic Refining Company on the outskirts of Caracas. Three terrorists died in the explosion and damage was estimated at \$20,000.

According to press reports, guerrilla activity continues in eastern Venezuela, where government forces are stepping up antiguerrilla operations. A national guardsman was killed and another seriously wounded in a guerrilla attack less than 150 miles east of Caracas in early June. It was reported on 11 June that government forces in the same area had captured six guerrilla camps and arrested 18 guerrillas. Farther east, eight guerrillas were killed by government forces on 8 June, and one guerrilla was killed and three were captured on 11 June.

5. Guatemala

High-ranking US and Guatemalan officials continue to receive threats against their lives. The Guatemalan Government is reported to be taking extra precautions between now and 30 June because it expects stepped-up terrorist activity during this period. The traditional Army Day celebrations usually held on 30 June may be canceled so as not to provide the terrorists with easy targets. The Guatemalan Communist Party and the guerrillas are reportedly planning to set off bombs on 25 June at Guatemalan and US installations as well as at the embassies of countries which have approved the US policy in Santo Domingo. They may also attempt other terrorist acts. Chief of Government Peralta is reluctant to lift the state of siege until he is convinced that terrorism is subsiding.

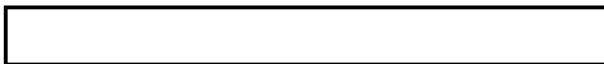
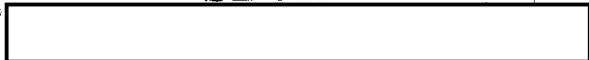
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